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1. REFTEL REPORTS STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK DURING HIS MAY 2 DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB THAT MALAYSIA HOPED TO LOOK TO U.S. FOR TRAINING IN MODERN COUNTER-INSURGENCY TECHNIQUES AND ALSO FOR HELP IN PURCHASING MODERN ARMS FOR COUNTER-INSURGENCY USE "ON EASY TERMS". IN RESPONSE, HABIB TOLD PRIME MINISTER HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WHEN HE VISITED KUALA LUMPUR IN COURSE OF HIS FORTHCOMING SOUTHEAST ASIA TRIP AROUND END OF MAY.

2. WOULD APPEAR THAT RAZAK HAS IN MIND SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF OUR PRESENT SMALL (200,000 DOLS PER YEAR) MAP TRAINING PROGRAM AND PERIODIC FMS SALES, LATTER TO INCLUDE FMS CREDIT. APPRECIATE SOONEST YOUR COMMENTS ON FOREGOING,

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INCLUDING EMBASSY ESTIMATES AS TO TYPE AND MAGNITUDE OF

TRAINING MALAYSIANS MAY HAVE IN MIND AS WELL AS THEIR
PRIORITY NEEDS IN MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR COUNTER-TERRORIST
OPERATIONS. FOR PRESENT, PREFER YOU NOT DISCUSS MATTER

WITH GOM UNLESS RAZAK MENTIONS IT TO YOU, IN WHICH CASE
YOU SHOULD LISTEN BUT NOT PROMISE ANYTHING. KISSINGER

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